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This paper responds to the Office Action dated September 29, 2009.

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This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a 3-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from December 29, 2009 to March 28, 2010.